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(U) CALIFORNIA**(U) El Cajon – CHP Investigating Reports of Cement Blocks Left in Lanes of Interstate 8**

(U) The California Highway Patrol (CHP) is investigating for whoever is leaving large cement blocks in the middle of Interstate 8 in El Cajon. Thus far, the CHP has observed 11 vehicles damaged by the cement blocks placed on the freeway lanes. The blocks weigh 50 pounds and measure 8 inches tall. Currently no injuries have occurred, but significant damage to vehicles has taken place and the blocks could potentially lead to an injury causing accident.

SOURCE: 5 February 2018, [NBC San Diego](#)

(U) NATIONAL**(U) Pennsylvania – City of Pittsburg Employees Experiences Tax Information Data Breach**

(U) Pittsburg – The City of Pittsburg says it was subjected to a sophisticated phishing scheme targeting employee payroll data. Officials say sensitive information for current and former city employees who received a W-2 for 2017 was released. City Manager Daron Hall said, "The safety and well-being of our current and former employees is incredibly important. This was not a technical attack against our firewall or network filters, but instead it was a social attack aimed at our employees."

SOURCE: 5 February 2018, [KOAM 7](#)

(U) Puerto Rico – US CBP Seize Cocaine Inside Vessel Leaving US Virgin Islands

(U) San Juan – United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Air and Marine Operations (AMO) agents along with agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) seized 292 pounds of cocaine concealed inside two hidden compartments in a vessel intercepted leaving from St Thomas, US Virgin Islands, towards Puerto Rico on 27 January. CBP said a total of 111 bricks of cocaine were seized from the defendants, weighing 292 pounds. The estimated wholesale value of the narcotics is over \$5 million.

SOURCE: 4 February 2018, [Jamaica Observer](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Nigeria – Boko Haram Fighters Attack Nigerian Village and Kill Two**

(U) Maiduguri – Boko Haram fighters attacked Alau-Kofu Village in Northeast Nigeria and killed two people, on 4 February, a local resident and a security source reported. The Boko Haram fighters had attempted to steal cattle from the villagers but when Nigerian security forces intervened, they burnt two villagers, the village structures, and the village food reserves before fleeing.

SOURCE: 5 February 2018, [AFP](#)

(U) South Korea – 60,000 Personnel, Interceptor Drones Deployed to Protect Olympics

(U) Pyeongchang – Security measures to protect the Pyeongchang Winter Olympics starting Friday are expected to be massive with about 60,000 personnel mobilized daily in South Korea to guard against terror attacks and teams armed with anti-drone technology to enforce airspace. The protections include "drone-catching drones" with the capability to drop nets over suspicious unmanned aerial vehicles that

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enter unauthorized areas. Advanced drone detection radar developed in South Korea will be used during the games along with signal-jamming guns that can take control of offending drones and land them.

SOURCE: 5 February 2018, [CNBC](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER**(U) Mexico – Tijuana’s Resurgence of Homicides Subject of Research Paper**

(U) Tijuana – The expansion of the Cartel Nueva Generacion Jalisco into Tijuana last year is a key variable in explaining the city’s record number of homicides in 2017, according to a paper released by a research team from the University of San Diego. In mapping out the violence, the authors found that the homicides are highly concentrated in specific areas: eastern Tijuana, the more central Sanchez Taboada delegation and the Centro delegation closer to the US border. The authors recommend increasing drug rehabilitation and drug prevention programs, as well as improved analysis on crime and violence, and better dissemination of public information.

SOURCE: 5 February 2018, [San Diego Union-Tribune](#)

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